

Application No. 10/765,082
Amendment dated 09/06/2005
Reply to the Office action of 05/04/2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments – Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 2, 7-11 and 20-22 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that these would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, the Applicant has amended independent claim 1 as presently submitted by inserting therein the subject matter of allowable claim 2, now cancelled without prejudice. In view of such a rewriting of claim 2 in independent form, claim 1 as presently submitted is now believed to be allowable. At least in view of their dependence on amended claim 1, dependent claims 3-11 are also believed to be allowable. The dependencies of claims 7 and 9-11 have also been amended accordingly, in order to make them dependent on claim 1.

Claims 12-15 have been hereby cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 16 as presently submitted has been amended by inserting therein the subject matter of claim 20, as well as that of intervening claim 19. Accordingly, claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant therefore believes that claim 16 as amended should now be held allowable in view of the inclusion therein of the subject matter of claim 20. Intervening claim 17 has been left as originally filed, however the term “impression cylinder” has been replaced by “rolling element” in those portions of amended claim 16 which correspond to the subject matter of claims 19 and 20. Claim 21 has been amended to be dependent on claim 16.

Claim 22 as presently submitted has been rewritten in independent form, and the subject matter of base claim 16 and intervening claim 18 have been inserted therein. Accordingly, Applicant believes that independent claim 22 as presently submitted should now be held allowable, as indicated by the Examiner. In view of the cancellation of claim 12, Applicant believes that no additional extra claim fees are required. However, the Director is authorized to charge any necessary additional fees to Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102 and 103

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 12-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gelinis et al. Claims 4 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Gelinis et al. in view of Izawa. The Applicant believes that in view of the amendments, as described above, made to

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the claims as presently submitted, these rejections are now moot. Reconsideration of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is thus respectfully anticipated.

Applicant therefore believes with that claims 1, 3-11, 16-18, and 21-22 as presently submitted are allowable, and therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully,

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